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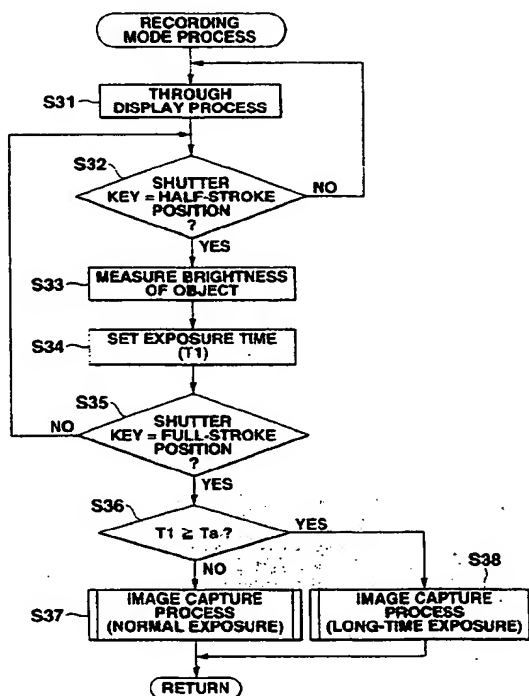
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(54) **Electronic still camera capable of removing noise component in image data and signal processing method thereof**

(57) Upon depression of a shutter key of a key input unit (26), a sensed image (DATA1) is captured by exposing a CCD (14) for exposure time T1 with a mechanical shutter (12) opened, and a dark frame image (DATA2) is captured by exposing the CCD (14) for exposure time Ta with the mechanical shutter (12) closed. A correction value corresponding to exposure time T1 is then determined by looking up a correction data table (TBL) stored in a storage area (27a) of a data memory (27), and DATA2 is corrected using the determined correction value. By subtracting the corrected DATA2 from DATA1, a dark output component contained in DATA1 is removed.

FIG.8



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